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INFORMATION REPORT

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1. New identity cards began to be issued in Gdynia on 1 February 1953.¹ They are being issued by the 2nd MO (Citizens' Militia) Station, which send out letters asking addressees to collect their documents personally. The result of this procedure is that the issue is progressing very slowly. Each recipient has to pay a fee of 8 zloty in revenue stamps.
2. On 19 February 1953, the issuance of new identity cards to the inhabitants of Gdynia had reached those whose names began with the letter "C".
3. There are three kinds of cards, their validity is six months, one year, and five years respectively. It has not been possible to determine the difference between the cards belonging to different periods of validity.
4. There is no restriction of movement in Poland with the exception of frontier areas. It is sometimes rumored that restrictions will be introduced after the issue of the new identity cards, but the majority of the population does not believe this.²

Comments.

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1. The new identity cards are believed to have been first issued in January 1953 in Lublin.

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